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In re Appln. of: Matthias Seufert

Appln. No.: 10/807,981

Filed: March 24, 2004

For: FASTENING SYSTEM FOR A PATIENT  
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Attorney Docket No: 11371-21

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form-1449, copy of Search Report, and 2 Cited References.  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

#### U.S. References

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
2002/0129446A1	09/19/2002	Heinold et al.
3,091,421	05/28/1963	Wolbers
5,472,167	12/05/1995	Shillington et al.

#### Foreign References

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
DE 94 07 862 U1	14.09.1995	Germany	No
De 101 21 130 A1	23.01.2003	Germany	No

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). The relevance of the references not in English is provided by the "A" designation in the enclosed search report for an application with the same or similar claims.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

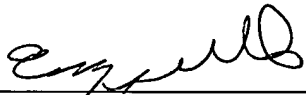
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	2002/0129446A1	09/19/2002	Heinold et al.		
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B4	DE 94 07 862 U1	14.09.1995	Germany		No
	B5	De 101 21 130 A1	23.01.2003	Germany		No

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>	

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